

PROCLAMATION PATRIOT DAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2003

WHEREAS, two years ago, more than 3,000 innocent people lost their lives when terrorists attacked our country; and

WHEREAS, the worst terror attack in our nation's history brought out the best in both our country as a whole and our citizens. On that day our nation stood strong, from first responders heroically risking their lives to save others, to volunteers all across the country giving their time and energy to help those affected; and

WHEREAS, we remember and honor the victims of this attack and their families including the victims with North Dakota roots; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2001, President Bush signed Public Law No. 107-89, designating September 11 as Patriot Day; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of North Dakota are encouraged to pause and remember the victims, heroes and all who were affected by the events of September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, heroes from across our state and our country are currently engaged in a global war on terror; and

NOW THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I proclaim September 11, 2003, as **PATRIOT DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State